

SENATE BILL

No. 1

Introduced by Senators Scott and Perata

February 9, 2005

An act relating to school finance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1, as introduced, Scott. School finance: local control.

Existing law establishes various categorical education programs under which funding is provided for specific educational purposes. Among these categorical education programs are school safety programs, teacher and staff preparation, induction, and professional development programs, and supplemental instruction programs.

This bill would make certain findings relating to school finance and provide the intent of the Legislature to revise the system of school finance to facilitate the allocation of instructional program funding to schools and enhance local control.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 2 (a) The allocation of resources in support of pupil learning
- 3 should be straightforward, understandable, and accountable.
- 4 (b) Resource allocation to the public schools must be fair,
- 5 flexible, and designed to maximize the classroom performance of
- 6 every pupil, and to that end, it may be necessary to vary available
- 7 resources based upon the needs and learning styles of pupils so

1 that sufficient resources are available for effective teachers to be
2 compensated.

3 (c) This state has established academic standards that are
4 recognized among the highest in the nation, and it is the intent of
5 the Legislature to support and trust local educational leaders,
6 parents, teachers, and school staff to facilitate the attainment of
7 those standards.

8 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to revise the system
9 of school finance to facilitate the allocation of instructional
10 program funding to schools and enhance local control.

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